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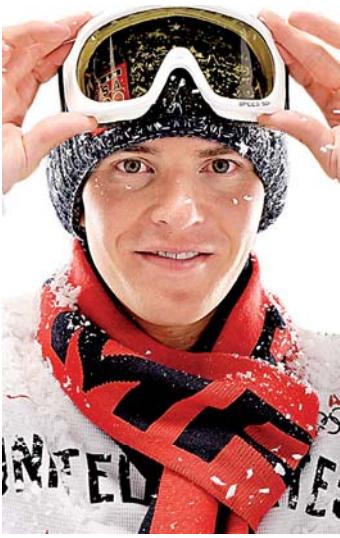
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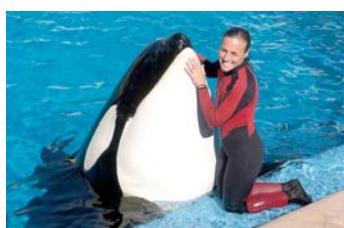


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EYE OPENERS

Check the Blue Cheese Dressing Factory Nearby

Police in Columbus, Ga., are searching for a pair of hungry bandits who stole an order of chicken wings from a pizza delivery driver. Columbus police say the 19-year-old Domino's driver was approached outside a home Tuesday night by two men who asked for money. One of the men pointed a chrome pistol. Police say one of the men then said, "Give me the wings." They fled the scene with the \$36 order. (AP)

"Anyone who says the movie cannot scare him is going to be put in a theater by himself."

—RAM GOPAL VARMA, AN INDIAN DIRECTOR WHO IS OFFERING \$10,000 FOR SITTING THROUGH HIS NEW MOVIE ALONE.

Officers Must Have a Heyday On Halloween



A Tampa, Fla., man faces charges after a deputy spotted him walking in a clown mask. The man was arrested Tuesday and charged with wearing a mask or hood on a public road and resisting arrest without violence. The man has been released on bond. A deputy saw the man wearing a clown mask as he walked down the street with friends. The group fled when deputies tried to question them but were later located. (AP)

The Big Picture

KOJI SASAHARA/AP



MEN IN LOINCLOTHS jostled each other and playfully threw fistfuls of mud in a rice paddy at Mimusubi shrine in Yotsukaido, near Tokyo, on Thursday. Hundreds of local dwellers participated in "the muddy rite," an annual ceremony dedicated to praying for a good harvest for the year and good health for babies. (AP)

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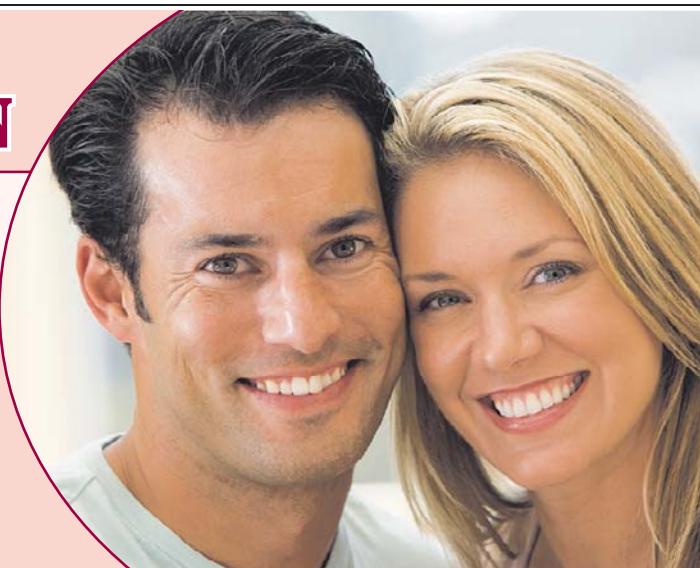
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Paterson Told to End Campaign

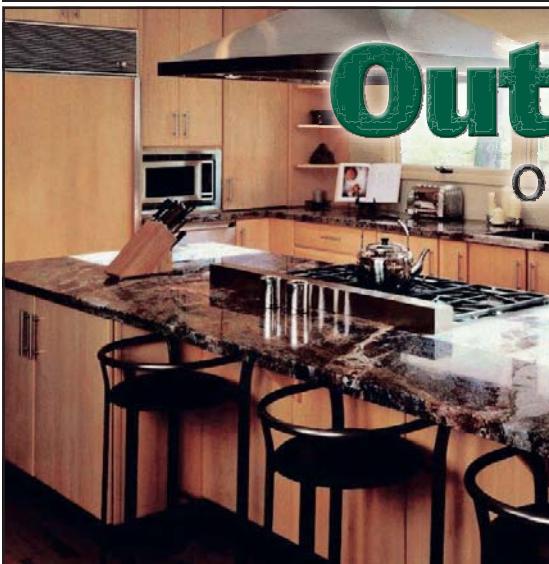
Albany, N.Y.

Calls for Gov. David Paterson to abandon his election bid mounted Thursday as the state attorney general announced he would investigate whether the administration committed a crime in talking to a woman who had filed a domestic violence report against a top aide to the governor.

Paterson's top criminal justice Cabinet member resigned Thursday over the burgeoning scandal.

Officials clamored for Paterson to end his election campaign as the turmoil mushroomed around adviser David Johnson. A police report detailed in the New York Times discusses a confrontation between Johnson and a woman.

The New York Times reported on court papers showing a phone call between state police and the woman. Paterson's office acknowledges he talked to the woman but says she placed the call. A spokesman denied anyone tried to keep the woman from pursuing a violence case. MICHAEL GORMLEY (AP)



Fed Reviewing Greek Debt Deals

U.S. banks accused of betting country's government will fail

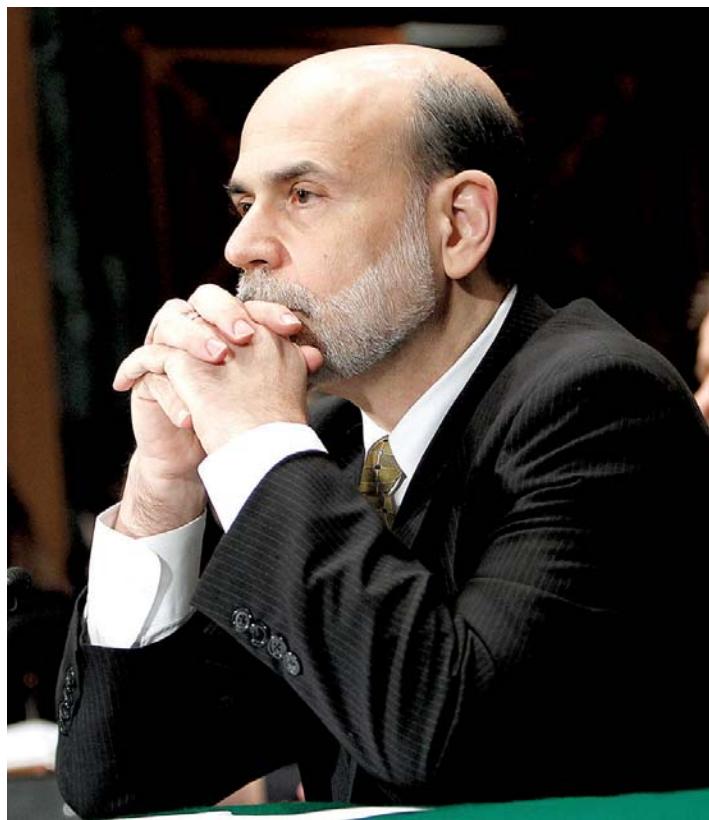
Washington

Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke told lawmakers Thursday that the central bank is looking into the use by Goldman Sachs and other Wall Street firms of high-risk financial instruments to make bets that Greece would default on its debt.

Bernanke said the Fed is examining companies' use of credit default swaps, a form of insurance against bond defaults. He made the comments at the start of a Senate Banking Committee hearing.

Sen. Christopher Dodd, D-Conn., cited reports that financial companies are using credit default swaps to bet that Greece will default on its debt. He's troubled that this practice could worsen Greece's debt crisis.

"We have a situation in which major financial institutions are amplifying a public crisis for what would appear to be private gain,"



ALEX WONG/GETTY IMAGES

Fed Chairman Ben Bernanke says the actions of Wall Street firms are under review.

Dodd said.

Dodd said he wondered whether there should be limits on the use

of credit default swaps to prevent "the intentional creation of runs against governments."

Backstory

Greece shocked partners in the European Union when it revealed last year that budget overspending would hit 12.7 percent of annual output. Greece's economic woes have affected the euro exchange rate and raised fears of contagion to other weak EU economies, such as Portugal and Spain. Facing intense pressure from EU partners and market speculation, the government has frozen civil service salaries and hirings, cut bonuses, raised retirement ages and hiked consumer taxes. (AP)

Securities and Exchange Commission spokesman John Nester wouldn't say whether his agency is looking specifically into the credit default swap arrangements between Wall Street firms, including Goldman Sachs, and Greece.

Goldman Sachs earlier this week defended currency swap deals it undertook with Greece to reduce that country's debt, saying the impact of the transactions was minimal and within the rules.

JEANNINE AVERSA (AP)



PROFLANITY

Californians had better start watching their mouths. The state Assembly passed a resolution on Thursday that would establish the first week of March as "Cuss-Free Week" throughout the state. If approved by the Senate next week, the measure would take effect immediately. The resolution includes no enforcement mechanism and is simply meant to promote greater harmony and connectedness among state residents. (AP)

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Nation

Killer Whale Will Not Be Isolated

Trainers will work with animal despite SeaWorld drowning

Orlando, Fla.

Trainers will continue working with a killer whale that grabbed one of their colleagues and dragged her underwater, killing her, but SeaWorld said Thursday it is reviewing its procedures after the attack.

People lined up to get into the park a day after the whale named Tilikum killed veteran trainer Dawn Brancheau as a horrified audience watched.

Killer whale shows are suspended indefinitely in Orlando and at the park's San Diego location.

Chuck Tompkins, who is in charge of training at all SeaWorld parks, said Thursday that Tilikum will not be isolated from the Orlan-



JULIE FLETCHER/AP

Dawn Brancheau is shown performing with a killer whale at SeaWorld Adventure Park in Orlando, Fla. Brancheau was killed in an accident with a whale Wednesday.

do location's seven other whales.

"We want him to continue to be part of that social group," Tompkins said.

Trainers will review safety procedures and change them as need-

ed, but Tompkins said he doesn't expect the killer whale shows to be much different.

Brancheau, 40, was rubbing Tilikum from a poolside platform when the creature reached up,

The Larger Debate

The death of a SeaWorld trainer in Orlando, Fla., Wednesday has spotlighted the campaign of major animal rights groups to keep marine mammals out of theme parks altogether. "This is a giant warning sign that society needs to rethink this question of holding large predators in captivity," said Chris Palmer, who teaches at American University.

(CHRISTIAN SCIENCE MONITOR)

grabbed her long braid in its mouth and dragged her underwater. She likely died from multiple traumatic injuries and drowning, the medical examiner's office said.

Celebrity zookeeper Jack Hanna said he has known Brancheau for the last 10 years and believes she would not want anything to happen to Tilikum. MIKE SCHNEIDER (AP)

Longtime Aide To Madoff Is Hit With Charges

New York

Bernard Madoff's claim to have pulled off his multibillion-dollar swindle without assistance fell apart further Thursday, as one of his longtime aides was charged with helping him cook the books.

Daniel Bonventre, an accountant who worked for Madoff since the late 1960s, was arrested early Thursday morning at his home in Manhattan, authorities said. He faces conspiracy, securities fraud and tax charges.

Prosecutors allege that, with Bonventre's knowledge, hundreds of millions of dollars were siphoned out of accounts belonging to Madoff's clients and used to support other operations at Bernard Madoff Investment Securities.

DAVID B. CARUSO (AP)

In Brief

PHILADELPHIA

Snowstorm With Heavy Winds Hits the Northeast

Another big, powerful snowstorm barreled into the winter-weary Northeast on Thursday, disrupting flights, closing schools and threatening high winds late in the day that could team up with the wet, heavy snow to topple trees and power lines. The storm was expected to drop at least 8 inches of snow over much of the region and linger more than 24 hours. (AP)



MATT ROURKE/AP

A woman's umbrella is upset by a large gust of wind Thursday in Philadelphia.

AUSTIN, TEXAS

Arson Ruled in IRS Case

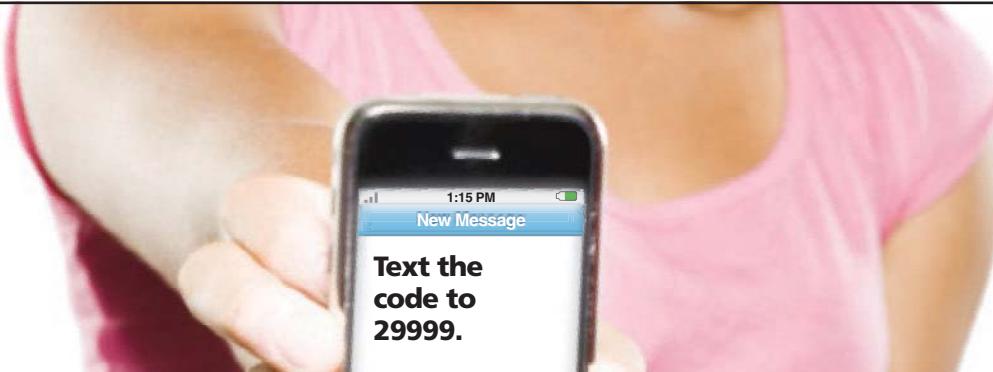
Authorities in Texas have ruled arson is the official cause of the fire that destroyed the house belonging to the man who flew his plane into an IRS building. Investigators say Joseph Stack started the blaze at his home and then flew his single-engine plane into the complex that houses offices of the Internal Revenue Service. The crash killed Stack and IRS employee Vernon Hunter. (AP)

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World

Afghans Assert Control in Marja

Marines seek out last Taliban militants believed to be in town

Marja, Afghanistan

Afghan officials raised the national flag over Marja on Thursday, asserting government control even as Marines searched for militant holdouts. Kabul also confirmed the arrest of another top Taliban leader — part of a roundup that could further strain the insurgents.

25

The percentage of the 80-square-mile area in and around Marja that is still under Taliban control.

About 700 men in turbans and traditional caps gathered in a central market for the flag-raising ceremony, during which Abdul Zahir Aryan was installed as the top Afghan official in this town of 80,000 in Helmand province.

The provincial governor told the crowd that authorities were eager to listen to requests from the townspeople and provide them with basic services that they didn't have under the Taliban.

Marines and Afghan soldiers slogged through bomb-laden fields of northern Marja on Thursday in search of an estimated 100 Taliban



KARIM SAHIB/AFP/GETTY IMAGES

Gulab Mangal, the governor of Afghanistan's Helmand province, raises the Afghan flag in the Taliban stronghold of Marja Thursday.

ban and foreign fighter holdouts — the last significant pocket of insurgents left in the town. Progress was slowed by difficult terrain with no roads, few tracks and many hidden mines.

Several residents told Marines that the Taliban were falling back and trying to delay the allied advance with hidden bombs.

"I'd expect they can't keep this up for long," said Capt. Joshua

Winfrey, a company commander in the 3rd Battalion, 6th Marine Regiment. He predicted the insurgents will soon hold their ground and fight.

The loss of Marja comes as the Taliban are reeling from the arrests of key figures. Two Pakistani intelligence officers, speaking on condition of anonymity, told The Associated Press that nearly 15 senior and midlevel Taliban fig-

ures have been detained in Pakistan in recent weeks.

An Afghan government spokesman, Siamak Herawi, said Thursday that Pakistani officials had told Afghan authorities that the top Taliban commander for eastern Afghanistan, Mullah Abdul Kabir, was among those taken into custody. Kabir's arrest last week had been rumored for days. ALFRED DE MONTESQUIOU AND HEIDI VOGT (AP)

In Brief



People look at fish in an aquarium at the Dubai Mall during its opening in 2008.

DUBAI, U.A.E.

Shark-Filled Aquarium In Mall Springs a Leak

Water gushed from a leak in a shark-filled aquarium in a Dubai mall on Thursday, sending startled shoppers scattering. The breach in the 2.6 million gallon tank at the Dubai Mall was quickly plugged and reportedly caused no harm to the 33,000 fish inside. (AP)

LONDON

Suicide Law Is Updated

New guidelines published Thursday offer people in England and Wales broad hints about how to help a gravely ill loved one end his or her life with minimal fear of prosecution. Assisted suicide remains illegal, but Director of Public Prosecutions Keir Starmer said prosecutors will now evaluate whether suspects act out of compassion or have a darker motive. (AP)

ALGIERS, ALGERIA

Police Chief Fatally Shot

The powerful chief of Algeria's national police was shot and killed by a colleague during a meeting Thursday at his headquarters, authorities said. Ali Tounsi's attacker turned his weapon on himself after the shooting at the security headquarters, the Interior Ministry said. Reports differed about whether the shooter survived. (AP)

BAGHDAD

Sunni Party Rejoins Race

A prominent Sunni lawmaker announced Thursday that his party would participate in parliamentary elections, less than a week after pulling it from the race. The decision effectively lifts the lingering threat that minority Sunnis would boycott the vote, which the U.S. hopes will bolster national reconciliation efforts. (AP)

Turkish PM Rejects Calls for Early Election

Ankara, Turkey

A confident Turkish prime minister dismissed opposition calls for early elections Thursday and met with the country's military chief to defuse tensions over the government's probe into an alleged military plot to overthrow the Islam-rooted government.

Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan's Islamic-leaning government detained more than 50 high-ranking military officers this week for allegedly plotting to overthrow

his government in 2003, a year after his party came to power.

Twenty people, including former senior officers, among them five admirals and three generals, have been formally charged and ordered held in jail.

Prosecutors released the former chiefs of the navy and air force, and another top general late Thursday without immediately charging them with being involved, saying they were unlikely to flee.

Adm. Ozden Ornek, the former navy chief, and Gen. Ibrahim Fir-



IBRAHIMUSTAFAOGLU

Turkish police stand at a courthouse before the arrival of ex-army officers.

tina, the former air force chief, are still being investigated, prosecutor Turan Colakkadi said.

Firtina told reporters as he left the courthouse that he "clarified some misunderstandings about some issues. ... I believe that I have done this satisfactorily, and I am among you now."

The prosecutors also released Gen. Ergin Saygun, ex-deputy chief of the military, but ordered him to report to the police regularly. All three could still be charged later.

SELCAN HACAOGLU (AP)

World

India, Pakistan in Talks

Rivals hold their first meeting since 2008 Mumbai terror attack

New Delhi, India

India and Pakistan held their first official talks Thursday since the 2008 Mumbai siege, with both sides saying they wanted to rebuild trust shattered in that attack but acknowledging that the meeting was just a first step toward a renewed peace process.

In the four-hour meeting between the nuclear-armed rivals, topics ranged from shared water resources to the status of the disputed Himalayan region of Kashmir. But terrorism was the focus of the discussions — an emphasis Pakistan quickly made clear would only slow further talks.

"The only way forward is to engage meaningfully across the board, and not hold the relationship hostage" to the issue of terrorism, Pakistani Foreign Secretary Salman Bashir told reporters after the meetings. India has long argued that Pakistan has not done



India's foreign secretary, left, shakes hands with her Pakistani counterpart Thursday.

enough to rein in militants operating from its soil, an accusation that Pakistan denies.

Expectations were extremely low for Thursday's talks, which were seen as little more than a symbolic first meeting and that India had billed as "talks about talks." Both sides indicated little of substance had been achieved.

But just meeting after 15 months was a significant diplomatic achievement — even if it came in the wake of months of pressure from Washington, which is eager

to see Pakistan shift resources away from the Indian border and toward supporting the U.S. in its fight against the Taliban and al-Qaeda.

"Our aims were modest" Indian Foreign Secretary Nirupama Rao said after the discussions. "We have set out to take a first step towards rebuilding trust, and I believe my meeting with the Pakistan foreign secretary has constituted that first step."

There was no immediate talk of a second meeting. **TIM SULLIVAN (AP)**

Toyota Executive's Tears Win Over Japanese Public

Tokyo

He hasn't bowed in apology. He hasn't resigned. But this week Toyota President Akio Toyoda did perform one of the typical rituals of a Japanese executive under attack: He wept publicly.

The image of Toyoda choking up during a meeting with American dealers is winning accolades in Japan, a society that has a soft spot for such displays of emotion.

The footage was broadcast



Toyoda

over and over on TV news Thursday. Toyoda, 53, was barely able to finish his sentences at the meeting with dozens of Toyota dealers in

Washington — a far more receptive crowd than the skeptical American lawmakers who had grilled him about the automaker's safety lapses and recalls at a congressional hearing.

A photo of his sobbing face was on the front page of the evening editions of the Yomiuri and Tokyo Shimbun newspapers. "Toyota president offers apology, thanks, tears," said a headline in the Asahi.

"People are going to feel sorry for him because he had to go through a theatrical ordeal overseas, a very unusual situation for a Japanese executive," said Kuniyoshi Shirai, executive adviser at A.C.E. Consulting in Tokyo.

YURI KAGEYAMA (AP)

HEALTH

People who say they have no time to exercise may soon need a new excuse. Recent studies have found intense exercise sessions originally

designed for Olympians could help people fit an entire week's workout into less than an hour. "This is like finding a new pill that works twice as well.... We should immediately throw out the old way of exercising," said Jan Helgerud, an exercise expert at the Norwegian University of Science and Technology. (AP)

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Local

NTSB Ends Hearing on Metro Crash

Washington

The National Transportation Safety Board says it will use new information from a public hearing as it determines what caused last year's fatal Metro train crash.

The NTSB wrapped up a three-day hearing on Thursday with testimony from experts who described how some agencies and companies operate with few errors. Board member Robert L. Sumwalt says Metro and other transportation systems can learn from such "high-reliability organizations" to improve safety.

Nine people were killed in June when a train struck another train stopped on the tracks. Sumwalt thanked the family members of some victims for attending the hearing. Sumwalt says the final report on the crash will take several months. He says officials are "to learn from this tragedy ... so that it does not happen again." (AP)

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Md. Foes May Take Fight to Radio

WBAL mulls dueling talk shows if Ehrlich runs for governor

Baltimore, Md.

"The Kendel and Bob Show" has become a Saturday morning fixture on conservative talk radio, offering Maryland's former first lady and former Republican governor a weekly forum to share their thoughts on everything from international affairs to more domestic mat-

ters, like the number of towels Bob Ehrlich uses after showering.

Could "The Katie and Martin Show" soon be airing on the same station?

Probably not. But it's one of several ideas that WBAL radio programmers have kicked around in the event that Bob Ehrlich announces next month he wants a rematch with Maryland Gov. Martin O'Malley.

Ed Kiernan, general manager of Baltimore's WBAL, said he would like to keep the Ehrlichs on the air



Ehrlich



O'Malley

The former governor wouldn't necessarily have to come off the air, Kiernan said. An alternative would be offering the same opportunity to Gov. Martin O'Malley, a Democrat, and other Ehrlich opponents. Yet another possibility: letting Kendel Ehrlich fly solo on the two-hour show.

"My goal would be to try to keep the show on the air, because they're doing a great job," Kiernan said. "I guess we'll cross this bridge when we get to it." JOHN WAGNER (THE WASHINGTON POST)

Hearsay

"Do we differ on bills from time to time? Yeah. But I don't have an enemy over here."



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Smithsonian Spotlights Apollo

Washington

Their names are part of the cultural vocabulary: Ella Fitzgerald, Sammy Davis Jr., James Brown, Michael Jackson, Marvin Gaye, Redd Foxx, Duke Ellington, Diana Ross.

What they have in common is the hot spotlight on the famed Apollo Theater stage. And soon their songs, dance steps, dresses, suits, jokes and instruments will be gathered together in Washington to tell the story of the Apollo's special place in American life.

The Harlem theater stands as one of the 20th century's best-known entertainment spots. For its two-year 75th anniversary celebration, the National Museum of African American History and Culture and the current administrators of the Apollo have organized an extensive exhibition about the theater and the performers; a list of artifacts that will probably be displayed was released Thursday.



Built in 1914 in New York, the Apollo Theater started as a segregated burlesque hall.

Throughout the 3,000-square-foot exhibit, set to open April 23 at the National Museum of American History, there will be glimpses of the Apollo mystique via listening stations and video clips.

Lonnie G. Bunch, the founding director of the NMAAHC, says look-

ing at the Apollo gave the curators a way to explore a story beyond the music. "This is a window into so much of American entertainment. We always talk about the music, but there's also the comedy and the dancing." JACQUELINE TRECOTT (THE WASHINGTON POST)

The Lotteries

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Evening D.C. Five (Wed.)	2-8-3-8-3
Daily 6 (Wed.)	4-13-14-18-33-35 (28)
Hot Lotto (Wed.)	2-3-10-14-20 (4)

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Mid-day Pick 3	6-5-6
Evening Pick 3 (Wed.)	3-5-4
Mid-day Pick 4	7-9-9-6
Evening Pick 4 (Wed.)	4-1-0-6
Match 5 (Wed.)	7-9-33-37-38 (8)
Multi-Match (Wed.)	16-18-21-30-34-37

Multi-State Games

Powerball	4-17-35-50-57 (12)
Power Play	2X

Virginia

Mid-day Pick 3	5-4-6
Evening Pick 3 (Wed.)	1-2-1
Mid-day Pick 4	6-5-1-3
Evening Pick 4 (Wed.)	0-4-1-2
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Irreconcilable Differences

After day of talks, Obama suggests Dems should go it alone on health bill

Washington

After a day of debate and disagreement, President Obama concluded Thursday's unprecedented live talkfest on health care with the bleak assessment that accord between Democrats and Republicans may not be possible. He rejected Republican preferences for seeking a step-by-step solution or simply starting over.

Obama strongly suggested that Democrats will try to pass a sweeping overhaul without GOP support, by using controversial Senate budget rules that would disallow filibusters. And then, he said, this fall's elections would write the verdict on who was right.

"We cannot have another year-long debate about this," Obama said at the end of the marathon policy session.

Neither side gave much ground, sticking mostly to familiar arguments and talking points. The president urged Republicans to "do a little soul searching" but said majority Democrats would decide quickly how to move forward on a priority that has eluded leaders for half a century.

"This will take courage to do," House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., said in her closing speech. "But we will get it done."

With the conversation veering between mind-numbing detail and flaring tempers, Obama and



Republican senators, above, huddle at Blair House in Washington on Thursday prior to the start of the health care summit.

What's Next?

Republicans have used a filibuster to block President Obama's health care overhaul effort with just 40 of the Senate's 100 votes. To overcome that, Democrats may use the so-called reconciliation process, which would let them end the filibuster and pass the bill with just a simple majority. The trouble is that a reconciliation bill is supposed to be limited to provisions that directly affect taxes and spending. That means it may be hard for Democrats to include provisions they covet such as curbing insurance industry practices. (AP)

his Democratic allies clashed with congressional Republicans over the right prescription for the nation's broken health care system. Though there was much talk of agreement, each side held onto long-entrenched positions that left them far apart.

It was essentially a condensed, one-day version of the entire past year of debate over the nation's health care crisis, with all its heat, complexity and detail, and a crash course in the partisan divide.

"We have a very difficult gap to bridge here," said Rep. Eric Cantor of Virginia, the No. 2 House Republican. "We just can't afford this. That's the ultimate problem."

Obama lamented partisan bickering that has resulted in a stalemate. "Politics, I think, ended up trumping practical common sense," he said.

And yet, even as he pleaded for cooperation, Obama insisted on a number of Democratic points and acknowledged agreement may not be possible, particularly on the trickiest area of extending coverage to the uninsured and preventing insurers from denying coverage. "I don't know, frankly, whether we can close that gap," he said as he wrapped up the talks. JENNIFER LOVEN AND RICARDO ALONSO-ZALDIVAR (AP)

Fightin' Words



President Obama



Sen. John McCain



Sen. Harry Reid



Sen. Lamar Alexander



President Obama



Rep. Eric Cantor

McCain: "And at the town hall meetings that I conducted all over my state, people are angry [about the bill]. We promised them change in Washington, and what we got was a process that you and I both said we would change in Washington."

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Obama: "Let me just make this point, John, because we're not campaigning anymore. The election's over."

McCain: "Well, I—I'm reminded of that every day."

Alexander: "When fully implemented, the bill would spend about \$2.5 trillion a year. ... So, our view, with all respect, is that this [health care legislation] is a car that can't be recalled and fixed, and we ought to start over."

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Reid: "I say to my friend Lamar, who I have great respect and admiration for, you're entitled to your opinions but not your own facts. ... If you have a better plan for making health insurance more affordable, let's hear it."

Obama: "Let me just guess. That's the 2,400-page health care bill [with you]. Is that right?"

Cantor: "Well, actually, Mr. President, this is the Senate bill, along with the 11-page proposal that you put up online."

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Obama: "When we do prop like this—stack it up and you repeat 2,400 pages, et cetera, you know, the truth of the matter is—is that health care's very complicated. And we can try to pretend that it's not, but it is."

7 Hours

The length of the health care summit that was held Thursday between Democrats and Republicans at Blair House in Washington.

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Ohno's Victory Laps

Speedskater targets two more medals for his record collection

Short Track

Apolo Anton Ohno sits on the blue linoleum floor of the rink manager's office, just off the practice ice, and contorts himself into various stretching positions while mulling his legacy as America's most decorated winter Olympian.

"I've always, in the back of my head, wanted to be known as one of the greatest short-track speedskaters of all time," said Ohno, the short-track speedskating star who has won more medals than any U.S. winter Olympian (seven) ever.

Few have been better than the 27-year-old who hung around for a third Olympics because they were about three hours from his hometown of Seattle.

His medal collection features two golds, two silvers and three bronzes. His body carries the wear and tear from years of careening around a hockey-sized rink at top speed, knowing a crash or disqualification can come at any second.

So far at these games, Ohno has a silver in the 1,500 and a bronze in the 1,000, and passed long-track speedskaters Bonnie Blair and Eric Heiden.



The Greatest?

With seven medals, Apolo Anton Ohno is the most decorated American winter Olympian ever—surpassing the great Bonnie Blair (six medals, four golds) and Eric Heiden (five medals, all gold). However, some critics wonder how Ohno can be considered as good or better than two skaters who won more gold in a form of speedskating that existed long before short track made its Olympic debut in 1992. "Anyone who sees our sport can respect the fact that if you win one medal, it means a lot," he said. "If I had seven golds, I'm sure there would be critics as well." (AP)

What to Watch This Weekend

ALPINE SKIING

Lindsey Vonn will make a run at the slalom gold despite skiing with a broken pinkie (**Friday, 8 p.m., NBC**). On Saturday, Bode Miller will look to shine in the slalom (**8 p.m., NBC**).



MEN'S BOBSLED

2009 world champion Steven Holcomb seeks to pilot the "night train" to gold in the men's bobsled (**Friday and Saturday, 8 p.m., NBC**).

MEN'S ICE HOCKEY

Team USA faces off against Finland, and Sidney Crosby and red-hot Canada play Sweden in the hockey semifinals (**Friday 3 p.m., NBC; 9:30 p.m.**). The gold-medal game is Sunday (**3 p.m., NBC**).

CURLING

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Vancouver 2010

Medal Count



▲ United States **TOTAL: 30**

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Norway	7	6	6	19
Canada	7	6	2	15
Russia	3	4	6	13
Austria	4	3	5	12
S. Korea	5	4	1	10
France	2	3	5	10
Switzerland	6	0	2	8
China	4	2	2	8

Top Performer



Marit Bjoergen, Norway: The only athlete to win three golds in Vancouver led Norway to victory in the cross-country relay.

Hearsay

"We are morally responsible. Our responsibility is to make sure that no unnecessary risks are taken."

— IOC PRESIDENT JACQUES ROGGE, urging the 2014 Sochi Games officials to ensure there isn't a repeat of the fatal luge accident in Vancouver.

Late Results

Both the women's gold-medal hockey game and the women's free skate ended after Express' deadline on Thursday. For full results, see washingtonpost.com/olympics.

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The Bold and Beautiful

Neutrals fade into the background as homeowners paint walls in vibrant hues

Decor

When Cathy Buntua, 26, bought a one-bedroom condo in Falls Church last spring, she loved its location and potential. But she was less than thrilled about its old-school kitchen cabinets.

"They were probably from 1970 and were a really ugly, deep dark brown," she says. "I knew I would have to change them somehow. But since I had just bought the condo, I didn't have enough money to invest in ripping them out and putting in new ones."

Cue the DIY paint makeover. But instead of choosing a soft white, as the designers on HGTV might have done, Buntua went for something bolder. "I wanted to do a fun color, so I chose pink, which is one of my favorites," she says.

Buntua knows she'll need to replace the cabinets if she later wants to sell or rent out her place. But for now, the bubble-gum hue is an unexpected way to show off her personality. And the rest of her home is no stranger to color either, from the Tiffany blue shade on her bedroom walls to the red couch in her living room.

"When people come in and look at my place, they say, 'This looks like you,' and that means a lot to me," Buntua says. "I hate walk-



Deep lavender sets a luxurious tone in a dining room. Purple can both soothe and stimulate when it's used to decorate a home, says Bethesda designer Carol Freedman.

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Standout Shades

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ing into homes where everything is stiff like a hotel."

While neutrals remain a safe choice when it comes to paint, many homeowners these days are opting for more daring tints that remind them of a favorite vacation spot, piece of art or clothing.

"People have just become bored with the beige, beige, beige look that has been everywhere for so long," says Stephanie Hoppen, the London-based author of "Perfect Palettes" (Clarkson Potter, \$35). "[They] seem to have decided that they are craving some excitement, some fun in their homes, and color can bring all of this."

Just like on the red carpet, jewel tones such as sapphire blue



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Cathy Buntua painted the 1970s-era kitchen cabinets in her Falls Church condo a bubble-gum pink to reflect her personality.

"When people look at my place, they say, 'This looks like you,' and that means a lot to me."

— CATHY BUNTUA, WHO PAINTED HER CABINETS AND WALLS IN VIVID HUES.

and emerald green are making a grand entrance. Pinks and purples have also been getting another glance, from darker, more opulent shades to lighter, softer hues.

"I'm thrilled that I'm seeing more awareness and appreciation of purple, which I've explored and used for years," says Bethesda-based designer Carol Freedman (Carolfreedmandesign.com). "I

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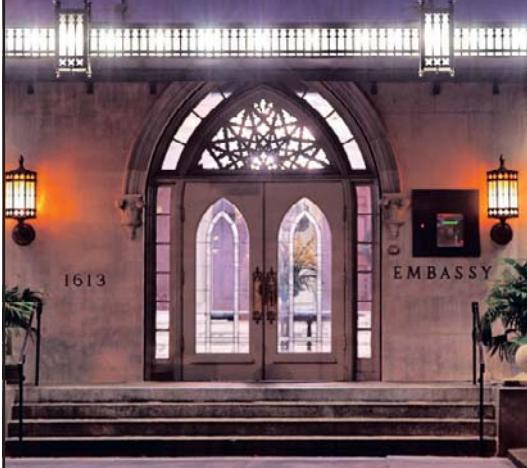
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On a Roll

Wallpaper has been enjoying a comeback of late, thanks to a slew of new modern, easier-to-use designs. "There are wallpapers now that are fabulous and definitely not your grandmother's wallpaper," says Alexandria-based designer Janet Thomas.

Hip, graphic prints abound, from sources such as Jonathan Adler (Jonathanadler.com), **Angela Adams** (Angelaadams.com), **Ferm Living** (Ferm-living.com) and **Élitis** (Elitis.fr). Think Greek key designs, overlapping circles or retro-looking flowers and tree branches. "You can use traditional furniture and put up contemporary wallpaper and it updates the whole thing," says Thomas.

"There are also a lot of very fun, textural wallpapers," says Catherine Hailey, principal of Arlington-based **Hailey Design**. "Some are actually fabric that's been backed with paper, which can really dress a room up.

There are also some interesting wallpapers with a relief [a raised texture], which you can paint any color you want," Hailey likes **Donghia** (Donghia.com) for items such as linen and PVC wall coverings, and **Weitzner Limited** (Weitznerlimited.com) for paintable options.

When it comes to applying wallpaper, many designers prefer to paper a whole room — rather than accenting a niche or shelving — for maximum impact. "I really like using wallpapers to create intimacy," says Bethesda-based designer **Carol Freedman**.

Not ready to commit to wallpaper? Check out wall decals and stickers; they're not just for kids anymore. "Decals and stickers are a fantastic tool for kitchens, closets — anyplace you want to have some fun," says Freedman. Try **Blik** (Whatisblik.com) for pieces such as faux headboards, **Dali Decals** (Dalidecals.com) for geometric and floral motifs, and **Ferm Living** for funky, graphic elements. B.L.

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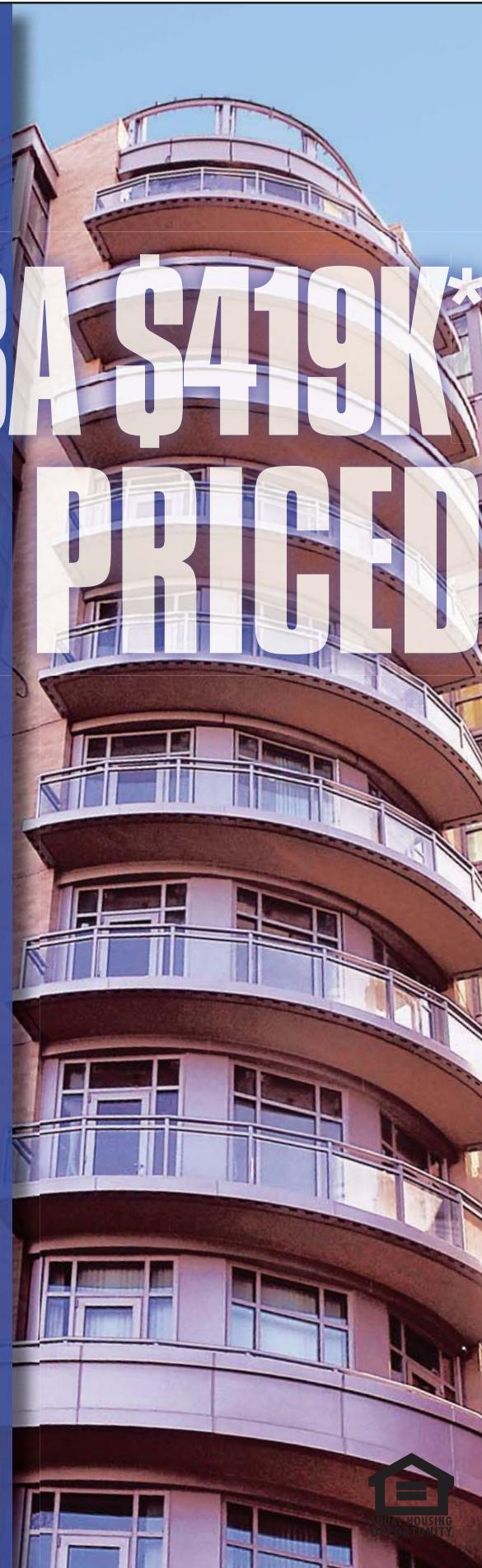
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think it's a great, great color; it's so soothing and stimulating at the same time."

And forget gray's dull, drab reputation. A light gray can function like a neutral but add more interest than just plain white. A metallic shade can add elegance and drama to a room — without making it look like a disco.

"Metallic paints don't have to be glossy and shiny," says well-known L.A.-based designer Kelly Wearstler, author of "Hue" (AMMO Books, \$49.95).

Can't decide on just one shade for a room? The old fallback of the accent wall isn't your only option. "Sometimes the accent wall gets

a little overdone," says Catherine Hailey, principal of Arlington-based Hailey Design (Catherinehaileydesign.com). "Instead of painting one wall one different

Looking for color inspiration? Open your closet to see the kinds of colors you naturally gravitate toward.

color, look around for a graphic you like and blow that up and create it out of two tones of color on the wall. The wall almost becomes its own piece of art; you've still created an accent wall, but it's not just a flat, one-color wall."

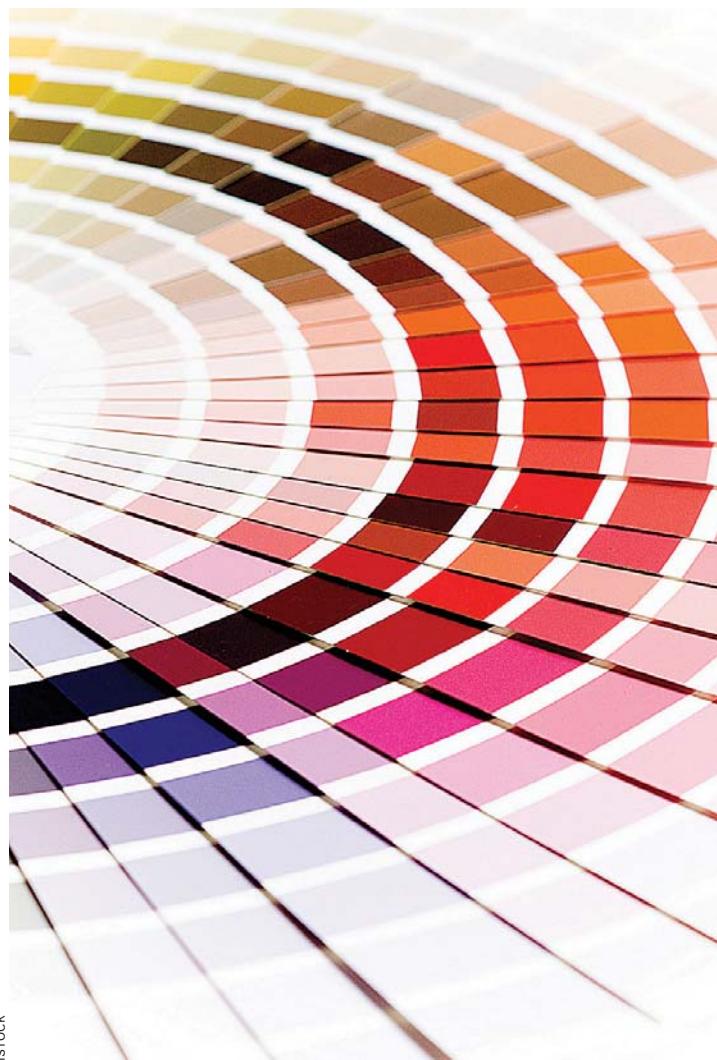
And you don't have to follow the old rule to avoid dark colors in small spaces.

"Sometimes in a powder room or somewhat confined space, it's nice to use a bolder color ... that can help define and give personality to a room," says Hailey.

When choosing colors, getting inspiration can be as simple as gazing out the window. "We did a project on the beach, and a lot of the colors — light golds, sands, taupes, warm grays — had a great dialogue with what was outside," Wearstler says.

Or open up your closet. "You really need to look at the kinds of things ... you naturally gravitate to," Hailey says. "If you happen to notice that you never have a piece of red clothing, you're probably

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► **Clear Your Schedule:** Don't start painting a room unless you have time to devote to the project. "It's important not to stop halfway," says Catherine Hailey, principal of Arlington-based Hailey Design. "If you're rolling paint on and you don't keep that wet edge, then you'll see where it stopped and started."

► **Keep It Neat:** Precision matters, even if you've taped off baseboards and other trim. "Don't rely on painter's tape too much," Hailey says. "People think, 'If I tape the edges, I can be as sloppy as I want and it won't bleed.' But you usually can't get the tape tight enough, so you still have to be careful of the edges."

► **Function Trumps Flair:** Consider your lifestyle when choosing finishes. Homes with kids or pets benefit from paints that are easy to wipe clean. "Function ends up being just as important as the actual color," says Bethesda-based designer Carol Freedman, B.L.

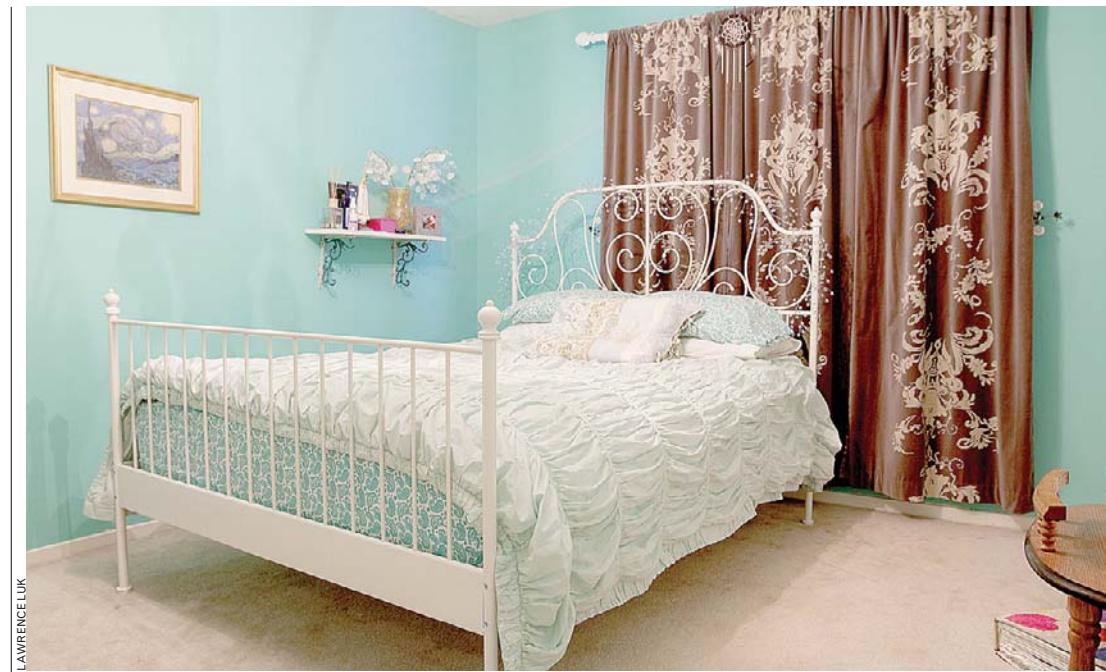
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going to feel a little agitated in a room that's all red."

A piece of artwork can also provide ideas. "I love using a homeowner's art as inspiration," Freedman says. "Artists are wizards with color, so you can't go wrong working from that."

A room's natural light, or lack of it, can have an impact on which colors will work best.



Undaunted by vibrant color, Cathy Buntua painted the walls of her bedroom Tiffany blue. The hue adds dimension to the room.

"I have seen more rooms ruined by the wrong shade of wall color than I have had hot breakfasts," Hoppen says. "What looks good in the pot and in a small sample often looks totally different on a large expanse of wall. Paint areas of the room from sample pots to see how light changes color. Natural light and electric light can make a huge difference."

But no matter what, a homeowner's color choices have to make him or her feel good.

"My kitchen is a Granny Smith apple green, and I love it because it warms the room up and makes it brighter," says Jill Janson, 37, a technical writer who lives in Herndon. "I enjoy being in it more. When you're getting your morning coffee, you want something that's going to wake you up!" BETH LUBERECKI



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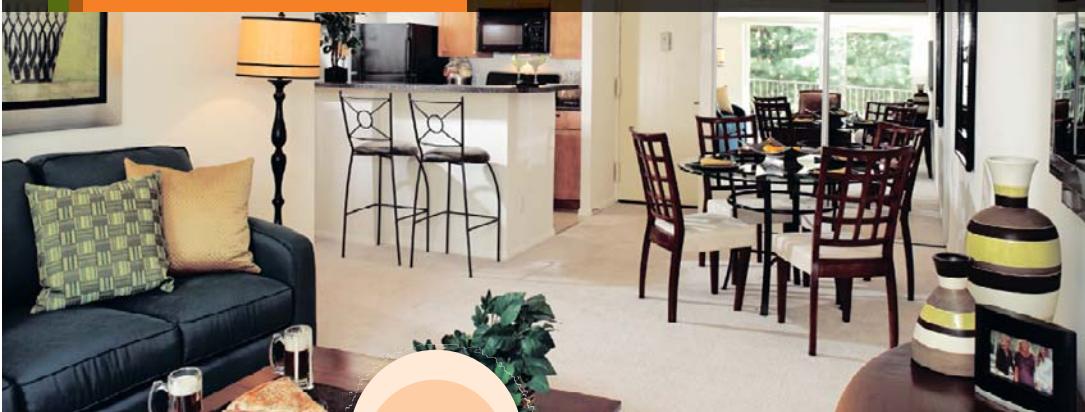
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Seeds of Next Season's Meals

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Gardening

Have dreams of growing your own food and living off the land? You don't need a 10-acre spread to do it, says Gayla Trail, author of "Grow Great Grub: Organic Food From Small Spaces" (Clarkson Potter, \$19.99). In fact, even the most urban condo dwellers and the blackest thumbs can turn green. Trail, a Toronto resident who's raised her own fruits and veggies in a rooftop garden for 10 years, spills all the dirt on what it takes to embrace your inner farmer.

BETH LUBERECKI

Why do you find it so satisfying to grow your own food?

I'm very self-sufficient. While I can't possibly grow enough food in the city to be completely self-sufficient, I can make a difference and contribute to at least some of my own eating. There's a pride that you get when you grow your own food. I've been doing it for so many years, and still every year when that first tomato comes, I'm so proud of it.

Why aren't you intimidated by the fact that you don't have a huge backyard or gardening plot?

The idea that you need all of that space to have a garden, that's old-school thinking. It really doesn't apply anymore. In other places around the world, people don't have backyards, and they've been growing their own food for years without thinking about it.

During the winter months, what can you grow indoors?

There are lots of herbs you can grow. One that I'm a huge fan of is

Cuban oregano, which is also called broadleaf thyme. It has very large leaves and an amazing fragrant smell. It doesn't taste like thyme but is a little more sweet and fragrant. It's just a pretty plant and un-killable. Regular thyme also does really well in a windowsill; it's very forgiving.

Which herbs are more challenging to grow indoors?

Winter is a time when windowsills can be very chilly and can go between hot and cold. And if your baseboard heating is like mine, it's very drying. It creates this incredibly dry air, and some herbs just

"In other places around the world, people don't have backyards, and they've been growing their own food for years."

— GAYLA TRAIL, AUTHOR OF "GROW GREAT GRUB" AND A CITY GARDENER

can't deal with that. Sweet basil does not do well, I find. It'll go for a certain length of time, but people have to accept the fact that it's not going to survive through the whole winter. But oregano and marjoram do really well. If you don't have a lot of sun, you can try chives or parsley.

What kind of space and equipment do you need?

A sunny windowsill is your best bet — the brightest spot you can find. You want a pot that has drainage. A lot of windowsill kits you can buy don't have drainage, and herbs absolutely hate that. It's another reason why they don't survive indoors. You want potting soil. You don't want to use soil out of the ground, even if it's incredibly good

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the board, but most plants that are started indoors go out sometime after the last frost.

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Introduce indoor plants to the outdoors gradually, advises green thumb Gayla Trail.



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A lawyer transforms a tiny condo — and his lifestyle — with the help of a designer

Interiors

If your home is the size of a corner office, it helps to have an exceptional view. "I live among the monuments," says Glen Ackerman, looking out toward the Mall from the terrace at his 600-square-foot Penn Quarter condo. "When you live in such a small space, you use the city as your living room."

He should know: His last place was a 5,100-square-foot house,



Glen Ackerman's 600-square-foot Penn Quarter condo boasts clean, modern lines, and defined areas for eating and relaxing.

and now he has no room for a coffee table.

Ackerman, a lawyer originally from New Orleans, moved to Washington in 2006 to start a new life and open his own law firm. He hired Georgetown architect and designer Ernesto Santalla of Studio Santalla to gut a dated one-bedroom condo, remake the architecture and interiors, and show him how to live well with less.

Ackerman and Santalla agreed that Ackerman would start from scratch, bringing nothing of his old life, except his clothing, and his John Grisham books and presidential autobiographies. Santalla refigured the chopped-up rooms with their popcorn ceilings, worn-out kitchen appliances and low-quality finishes, defining areas for eating, living and sleeping.

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"The apartment seemed cramped and old because the space was not used efficiently," Santalla says.

He added built-in furniture such as the anigre wood storage cabinet with CaesarStone countertop in the living room and the upholstered headboard. He removed the tub and added a glass-walled shower. In place of the dated wall-to-wall carpeting, limestone floors were installed. Ackerman's 100 shirts and 30 pairs of shoes were organized in a bedroom wall Santalla had customized from California Closets. Santalla even asked Ackerman to buy a Kindle to cut down on new books.

"The opportunity to totally start over lets you have everything fit together," says Santalla. "But you have to be disciplined."

Some features and rooms actu-



Glen Ackerman gave up most of his possessions when he moved into his D.C. condo.

ally got bigger. There is more counter space in the kitchen; the bathroom and bedroom are larger, because Santalla removed a corridor and a dividing wall.

Ackerman's finished place, with modern lines, neutral tones and a collection of paintings and sculpture, has a gallery-like feel, reflecting the buildings in his view: the National Gallery of Art and National Museum of the American Indian.

For 12 years, Ackerman, 49, lived in a spacious Pittsburgh house with four bedrooms, a three-car garage and a great room. He and his longtime partner broke up in 2005; Ackerman moved to the District a year later. He bought a condo in the 1992 building because of the urban feel and connection to the outdoors and sunlight through the 19-by-6-foot terrace and floor-

to-ceiling windows. He rented an apartment down the hall during renovations. Demolition began in January 2007, and the project took almost a year because of the customization and the condo's regulations on construction hours.

Santalla worked closely with Ackerman to design the spaces to fit his needs as someone who wanted well-organized storage and who frequently worked at home. "I wanted to have a nice kitchen, even though I am not a cook," says Ackerman, who eats out a lot.

Ackerman was surprised at one of the benefits he's realized from his new lifestyle. "Here you live only with necessities," he says. "Even my 401(k) has gone up, because I am not spending money filling up my closets." JURA KONCIUS
(THE WASHINGTON POST)

Minimalist Mantras

When Size Matters

Designer Ernesto Santalla paid attention to even the smallest details in remodeling and decorating Glen Ackerman's 600-square-foot Penn Quarter condo. Here are some of his tips:

► **De-Clutter:** Ruthlessly edit your possessions, keeping only what you need and use. Forget the rest.

► **Maximize Space:** Optimize your square footage by designing cabinetry, seating and shelving against windowless walls to maximize space and add visual interest.

► **Be Consistent:** Use the same materials throughout to make the space feel bigger. Here, all flooring is limestone; hardware is polished chrome; cabinets and wall panels are made of anigre, a light tan African wood.

► **Color-Coordinate:** Paint doors and door trim the same color as the walls to give the illusion of more space. Also, stick to one paint color for walls. Santalla used Benjamin Moore's rich Rustic Taupe; the trim is Glacier White.

► **Make an Entrance:** Create the illusion of an entry hall. Because the front door opens into the kitchen, Santalla installed an island there with



A washer and dryer set fits perfectly in one of Glen Ackerman's closets.

barstool seating and hanging light fixtures to give the sense of a more formal entry. The countertop can be used for food preparation, as additional desk space to spread out legal papers and as a sort of entrance foyer, where a sculptural bowl filled with fruit is displayed.

► **Steamline Storage:** Build a seamless wall of closets in the bedroom if possible. Santalla used frameless doors with touch latches (no visible hardware or doorknobs), creating a clean, streamlined look. J.K.



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Sun Shines on Demong in Nordic

U.S. skiers snap gold draught with a 1-2 finish in combined

Nordic Skiing

Billy Demong and Johnny Spillane have given the Americans a 1-2 finish in the Nordic combined large hill competition that was marred by bad weather that forced a restart in the ski jump.

Demong, of Vermontville, N.Y., ended America's golden goose egg in Nordic sports at the Winter Games by winning the 10-kilometer cross-country leg in 25 minutes, 32.9 seconds, Thursday. Spillane won his third silver of these games, finishing four seconds behind.

Bernhard Gruber of Austria, who had a 34-second head start after jumping the farthest off the large hill after a restart, took the bronze 10.8 seconds back.

Demong, of Vermontville, N.Y., started in sixth place and 46 seconds back but quickly caught his teammate and Gruber for a three-man race the rest of the way.

They didn't have to worry about



American Billy Demong performs the ski jump during the Nordic combined large hill competition Thursday in Vancouver. He won the U.S.' first Olympic gold in the sport.

some of the best World Cup athletes catching them, after worsening weather hampered the top jumpers and relegated them too far back in the field to be a factor.

The cross-country race was run in much better weather, but the soft, sometimes choppy snow put a premium on the proper wax and ski

setup. Unlike the team relay when Demong was done in by bad skis, he had the perfect combination to put the Americans atop the podium.

Before Vancouver, the only medal won by the Americans in Nordic sports — biathlon, ski jumping, Nordic combined and cross-country skiing — was a silver by cross-



Billy Demong, left, and Johnny Spillane celebrate their medals on Thursday.

country skier Bill Koch in 1976 and a bronze by ski jumper Anders Haugen in 1924. Now, they have six.

And they don't care if these last two came thanks to some fortune on the weather front with the rain, snow and wind on the jump hill aiding this historic breakthrough.

"It's an outdoor sport," said American Todd Lodwick, who finished 13th. "The jury can do what they can do. They can't really control nature. Was it right to start the round over again? You never know. You could do this competition over and over again; I think you'd come out with a different result every time." (AP)



By Matt Swenson

Vonn was the chosen one for these games. She earned the spotlight by dominating on the slopes during international events and, to boot, she probably wowed reporters with her charm. Thus were born the VonnCouver Games.

A late shin injury only enhanced Vonn's story, which was on its way to a happy ending when the American

Soon, Mancuso won't have to worry about hearing Vonn's name wherever she turns.

won the gold in the downhill. Since then, though, it has all gone downhill. Vonn took bronze in the super-G but crashed out in the super-combined and giant slalom.

The later spill forced fellow American Julia Mancuso to restart, which no doubt hindered her performance. It also brought to the fore Mancuso's frustration with all the attention given to her lifelong rival. Mancuso, who has won three Olympic medals to Vonn's two, probably wishes the media loved her more. Then she'd be the story.

Soon, though, Mancuso won't have to worry about hearing Vonn's name wherever she turns. By next week, Vonn, like most Olympians, will fade into memory until 2014, when some athlete we've probably never heard of is the talk at the Sochi Games.

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The Vonn and Only Of These Games

The Vancouver Games began with everyone talking about Lindsey Vonn.

Fittingly, they seem to be ending that way, too. But not for the reasons Vonn hoped.

Every four years, the media decide to make an athlete most people normally don't watch — and sometimes haven't even heard of — into a star.

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Mancuso's Emotional Run Comes to an End

Alpine Skiing

Years from now, when Julia Mancuso reflects on the Vancouver Olympics, she will always have two silver medals to make her smile — and a final 24 hours to make her wince.

A simple account of the way her Vancouver Games ended must include Thursday's eighth-place finish behind Viktoria Rebensburg of Germany in the giant slalom, an event Mancuso won four years ago at the Turin Olympics. But there is so much more.

The public fascination with exactly how much ill will there might be between Mancuso and American teammate Lindsey Vonn. The dashing of Mancuso's medal



Julia Mancuso had the third-best time Thursday but finished eighth in the giant slalom.

chances in the giant slalom when her first run Wednesday was interrupted because she left the starting gate not knowing that Vonn was

crashing ahead of her. And the deep sadness that came later Wednesday, when she learned that a friend from back home in California, profession-

al free skier C.R. Johnson, had died at age 26. "It's been a long couple weeks," Mancuso said.

Mancuso sought to defuse the situation with Vonn Thursday, denying she had a grudge over Wednesday's spill or any ill will over the attention Vonn's received at the games.

"It's just funny the way the universe works. I saw Lindsey after, and I know that she felt really sorry, and you know it's really not her fault, of course," Mancuso said. "And, so, for that to be sort of out there — that had nothing to do with anything about our relationship. Like I said before, the way that it came across, that it was a media attention fight or something like that, is just ridiculous." (AP)

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Terps Hoops

Gary Williams' pre-game fist pump shoots skyward with just a bit more vigor. The student section sings the fight song with a little extra sincerity.

And this year, as February eases toward March, no one in College Park is muttering the dreaded "B-word" word under their breath.

The Maryland Terrapins are not on the bubble.

With 20 victories and three regular-season games remaining, the question is not whether they will make the NCAA tournament; it's whether they'll arrive at Selection Sunday in position for a favorable draw.

"I'm very pleased," Williams said. "I think we've worked very hard to get to where we are. But nothing's clinched yet; nothing's determined."

A year ago, the Terrapins scram-



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Sean Mosley, right, and Greivis Vasquez celebrate during an 88-79 win over Clemson.

bled down the stretch to avoid missing the tournament for the fourth time in five seasons. Williams defiantly defended his program and brushed off questions from the media and fans about his job security, a harsh indignity for a coach with two decades of tenure.

In 2010, his sniping is reserved

for those casting their ballots for the national rankings, which have left the Terrapins (20-7, 10-3) in the also-ran category even as they move toward their best record in ACC play since their national championship season in 2002. They lost only one conference game that year but have lost at least five in each season since.

"We should be ranked," he said. "I don't think that's too much of an argument."

Maryland currently sits comfortably in second place in the ACC standings behind No. 5 Duke (23-4, 11-2), which handled the Terrapins easily earlier this month in Durham. Next Wednesday's visit from the Blue Devils is sandwiched between road games Saturday at Virginia Tech (21-6, 8-5) and March 6 at Virginia (14-12, 5-8).

Overtaking Duke for the top spot would require some tough play and some good fortune. But like Williams, the players are quick to snuff out any sense of complacency, any idea that simply making the NCAA Tournament is enough.

"This is my job to keep everybody hungry," said Greivis Vasquez, the statistical and emotional leader of the team, who returned for his senior season after a brief flirtation with the NBA Draft. "I'm hungry. This is what I want. I came back for a reason. I came back to win this league, win the ACC championship, but it's not going to be easy. I've got to make sure my guys stay focused." DEREK TURNER



BAD HABITS

This may be the last straw for Caron Butler. It's well known the former Wizards guard likes to chew straws on the sideline, but on Tuesday, NBA Executive Vice President Stu Jackson phoned Butler and told him to leave his straws at home, according to ESPN. The network says the Mavs confirmed that the NBA is serious about outlawing straw chewing. "It's against the rules," Mavericks owner Mark Cuban said. (EXPRESS)

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Has the red carpet changed?

There's not much originality on the red carpet anymore. You pray for a Bjork! But now everyone plays it safe. Mom and I left when the party was good.

Which stars always look great?

Penelope Cruz, Nicole Kidman and Susan Sarandon. Susan especially

"There's not much originality on the red carpet. You pray for a Bjork! Now everyone plays it safe."

because she's of a certain age, and she always looks appropriate.

What's the secret to looking red-carpet-ready without a team of stylists or a free designer dress?

So much of it is about how you carry yourself. A lot of that is about how something fits. If you spend \$10 on a dress, but you get it perfectly tailored, it'll look great.

Any tips on choosing a dress for a special occasion?

It helps to take a picture of yourself in something to get an idea of what you look like. And if you're going to be photographed — whether it's your wedding or you're getting an Oscar — wear something that's not too time-specific. We all have those photos we cringe at from the '80s!

Has your mother, Joan, given you any good advice on dressing well as you get older?

She says to know which body parts are still good. Cover the parts that are bad, and showcase the ones that are good. Nobody wants to see flabby arms or a lined, country club chest. **JENNIFER BARGER (EXPRESS)**

Melissa Rivers

RECOVERING RED-CARPET REVIEWER, AUTHOR

For more than a decade, Melissa and Joan Rivers doled out fashion cheers and jeers about what the stars wore at movie awards shows. Though the daughter-mother team stopped snarking for E! in 2003, Melissa Rivers has kept herself busy with gigs on the TV Guide Channel and the reality show, "I'm a Celebrity, Get Me Out of Here!" She just penned the book "Red Carpet Ready: Secrets for Making the Most of Any Moment You're in the Spotlight" (\$23, Harmony Books).

If I'm not Kate Winslet, how can I have a red-carpet moment?

A red-carpet moment is anytime you feel like you're in the spotlight, whether you're getting married or making a presentation at work. The book tells readers how to be prepared for everything. If

you feel confident, anything can go better.

One of the points the book makes is that, famous or not, you need to be gracious. Why?

Graciousness transcends the myopic moments we all have in our lives. If you are going to a dinner party at a friend's, no one wants to hear you bitch about your bad day all night. Don't verbally vomit!

When you were on the red carpet, was it hard to criticize people?

The hardest thing about being on the red carpet was that a lot of things were attributed to me that I didn't say. It's hard, because when someone reports on celebrity fashion in the magazines, they can hide behind the page. Me, I got all the anger.

Event Horizon | Fashion Rules

Which movie saw Meryl Streep playing an Anna Wintour-like fashion editor? How many lines does Marc Jacobs design? Answer these and other chic trivia questions with the styles editors of Express, plus take in a tap performance by Maurice Hines. March 4, 6-9 p.m. Neiman Marcus, 5300 Wisconsin Ave. NW; RSVP to 202-274-3911.

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3 Smooth Moves

NO MATTER HOW MANY pretty serums and fancy potions we slather on our face, science says that one of the best ways to fight wrinkles is a skin-stimulating retinoid. The problem is many such products on the market can be super-harsh on skin, meaning you swap croneish wrinkles for clownish redness. Philosophy's new Miracle Worker retinoid elixir and pads (\$70, Sephora.com) get their superpowers from Japanese knotweeds, which reportedly promote cell growth. The line's also full of soothing conditioners, meaning wicked flakes and scaliness are banished along with fine lines.



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4 A Real Mug Shot

RINGS LOOK PRETTY on hands and commemorative Olympic T-shirts, not on your coffee table. Ponoko's silhouette coasters (\$26 for four, Velocityartanddesign.com) protect surfaces and bring a bit of wry, family-heirlooms-gone-hip style to cocktail or java hour. Laser-cut from cherry-hued wood, the squares invite discussions about which one most resembles Great-Uncle Tony while they sleekly halt any party-spoiling fights about who spilled the beer on your new CB2 furniture.



Chokered Up

JEWELRY DESIGNER Justin Giunta's Subversive line transforms heirloom objects (vintage cameos, antique chains) into high fashion — but, sigh, at high-fashion prices. A cheap-chic Target collaboration in 2008 made Giunta realize he had fans who loved his offbeat aesthetic yet couldn't afford his designs. The result: a new, lower-priced collection, Deviated, which swaps his usual precious materials for less costly ones, as in a sinuous brass and crystal necklace (shown, \$525). The designer hosts a trunk show Sat., noon-5 p.m., at Upstairs on 7th (555 12th St. NW; 301-351-8308).

Riffs Not For Stiffs

THE PROBLEM with finding rocker-cool men's clothing: Lines such as John Varvatos and Rag & Bone often come at prices more suited to a banker than a bass player. Comune, a skater-meets-punker brand out of Orange County, mixes 1980s staples (a waxed black denim jacket, shown, \$88) with thoroughly modern pieces (graphic print tees, \$25). The priced-for-starving-artists act just took the stage at Redem (1734 14th St. NW; 202-332-7447), which sits near at least one good place to rock this stuff: the Black Cat.



ANSWERS FROM THE SHOE BLOGGER

I'm taking my wife to New York for a romantic weekend. However, I'm having a devil of a time finding a pair of hip, downtown shoes in my size, which is 16. Do you have any suggestions? — JOHN

Manolo says, at the least, the Manolo's friend can take comfort that the size 16, while enormous, is not the biggest feet of which the Manolo has ever heard. Indeed, the Manolo had the acquaintance many years ago who wore the size 18 (which he



covered most frequently in the red Converse All-Stars). And even this freakishly large size is still well below the extra-freakishly large Shaquille O'Neal's size 23.

It is the opinion of the Manolo that men with such majestic feet deserve nothing less than the finest custom-made English shoes, although such luxurious footwear are generally beyond the means of the average person.

In America, many big-footed men and professional athletes (including O'Neal) shop at the venerable Friedman's Shoes in Atlanta, which has specialized in extra big shoes since 1929. (If you cannot go to Atlanta, you may visit its Web site, Largefeet.com).

Likewise, there are other online shoe stores that carry the big sizes, including the always reliable Zappos.

Speaking of majestic shoes, here is the Rex from Donald Pliner (\$250, Zappos.com). Wear them with jeans and you will be the hippest big-footed man in all of the TribeSoNoLitaHo.



Ask the Manolo a question at manolo@shoeblogs.com. Visit the Manolo at shoeblogs.com.

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HAUTE HOMEMADE

GET CHICLY CREATIVE — AND SAVE A FASHIONABLE AMOUNT OF MONEY — BY SEWING, EMBELLISHING OR BEJEWELING YOUR OWN CLOTHES

Blame "Project Runway" — or maybe a fashion budget that's gone auf Wiedersehen — for the current craze of embellishing T-shirts, turning old keys into jewelry and stitching vintage men's ties into skirts. Even if you don't own a sewing machine — or know how to knit — it's easy to create custom clothes that both save you cash and revive your closet. Even better, your new garb comes auto-stamped with your signature style, be it preppy or punky.

"When I make something, it's going to fit the way I want it to, and it's going to be unique," says Stefanie Girard, zealous crafter and author of "Sweater Surgery: How to Make New Things With Old Sweaters" (\$16, Quarry Books). "You also have more pride in something that you

qued T-shirts, not Aunt Rhoda's Jimmy Carter-era macramé ponchos.

Besides "a little creativity can bring joy to your life," says Wenlan Chia, the Manhattan clothing designer behind the playful Twinkle by Wenlan line and author of "Twinkle Sews: 25 Handmade Fashions From the Runway to Your Wardrobe" (\$25, Potter Craft).

The trick for DIY fashionistas (or belt-cutting dudes) is to make crafty creations that are ready to wear, not destined for Regretsy.com (tagline: "Where DIY Meets WTF").

Like most things in life, experience — and a little nerve — is essential. "You have to practice on something you're willing to trash," advises Amy Karol, DIY maven and author



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"You have more pride in something that you make yourself than something that you buy off the rack."

make yourself than something that you buy off the rack."

Hand in (needle-calloused) hand with the modern craft movement, a new generation of hip home sewers, gluers and tie-dyers — both shes and hes — has surged onto the once-granny-dominated scene. This means hand-strung statement earrings and songbird-appli-

of "Bend the Rules With Fabric" (\$22, Potter Craft). "My best projects are the ones where I was about to throw away a piece of clothing, so I just hacked it apart."

Wannabe Versaces should first learn to sop up visual imagery like a sponge, Chia says, taking cues from everything from well-dressed peo-

ple on the street style to pieces spotted in Vogue or on fashion blogs. "I also like to take inspiration from things that are completely non-fashion, so I can really just get the very essence of them — dark red peonies at the supermarket, fresh food at a restaurant, a book or movie," Chia says.

Other times a thrifited flannel shirt, a costumey brooch or even a sewing project gone awry might be a swell muse. "I get nutty about details — I'll make a dress that's just about one button I wanted to use," Karol says. "Like having a special ingredient when you're cooking, it's about that one element. Just changing the buttons on a cardigan can change your life." KATIE KNOROVSKY



corduroy cape

DETAILS: It's no red riding hood, but imagine what big eyes you'll attract sporting this perky cape, essentially a hemmed semicircle of fabric cut on the bias.

INSPIRATION: Followed tutorial in "One-Yard Wonders" (\$20.95, Storey)

MATERIALS: One yard of corduroy (\$12.50), two yards of ribbon (\$3)

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fringe necklace

DETAILS: Zip-hip hooray! Finally, a fringe festival with more edge than romance.

INSPIRATION: Tutorial on Luckymag.com

MATERIALS: 26-inch zipper (\$2.50), fringe trim (\$7.50)

flowering belt

DETAILS: Wake up a dress with a sash blooming with fabric petals sewn to a ribbon.

INSPIRATION: Tutorial on Heart-of-light.blogspot.com

MATERIALS: Two yard of ribbon (\$3), half-yard satin (\$3)

buttoned clutch

DETAILS: Bedazzling is chic when you sew a bunch of buttons onto an old clutch.

INSPIRATION: "I'm Dreaming of a Green Christmas" (\$25, Chronicle)

MATERIALS: Vintage clutch purse (\$18), buttons (\$3)



swish skirt

DETAILS: A pencil style gets sassy when you stitch on mirrored trim and a pleat of lace.

INSPIRATION: Adapted from "Twinkle Sews"

MATERIALS: Skirt (\$15), one yard of mirrored trim (\$8), lace (\$3)

bespoke tee

DETAILS: An ironic tuxedo tee goes mod when you scribble on it with a white fabric pen.

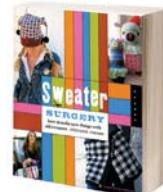
INSPIRATION: A Dainty June tee spotted on Modcloth.com

MATERIALS: Fabric pen (\$4), T-shirt (\$6)



SELF-MADE

Want to get started trimming, sewing or bedazzling clothing and accessories? These books offer a runway's worth of guidance.



"Sweater Surgery: How to Make New Things With Old Sweaters"

(\$16, Quarry Books):

That shapeless cardigan you've been rocking since college needs reviving — stat! Worry not: With crafty Stefanie Girard attending, your out-of-style, shrunken and thrift-shop-bought sweaters are in good hands. Choose from 27 tutorials, from felted purses to patchwork scarves, or browse the book's inspiration gallery for even more ideas for transforming your knitted nightmares into DIY dreams.



"Twinkle Sews: 25 Handmade Fashions From the Runway to Your Wardrobe"

(\$25, Potter Craft):

Your wardrobe is filled with safe, smart choices. But where's the, er, twinkle? Cue this glossy tome of fashion-forward eye candy, a direct descendant of Manhattan designer Wenlan Chia's playful-chic line, Twinkle by Wenlan. Chia's designs come rife with ruffled hemlines, origami-inspired pleats, raglan sleeves, balloon skirts and more. In addition to technique tips and project tutorials, the book also includes a CD of pattern PDFs.



"Bend the Rules Fabric"

(\$22, Potter Craft):

For those whose only fabric painting expertise lies in the "puff" variety perfected during junior high (or tie-dying at summer camp), Amy Karol's new book is sure to be an eye-opener. Chapters deviate from simple sewing tricks to more advanced textile design techniques, complete with detailed instructions and templates. Think mod appliqués, custom iron-on transfers, thread doodles and freezer paper stencils. K.K.

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The Reelist



Less Is Plenty

If you only see one steampunk animated short film from Poland this year, make it "The Kinematograph." Now playing at the E Street Cinema as part of the Oscar-nominated short animated films program, "The Kinematograph" (which wasn't nominated; it comes "highly commended") tells the story of a man who struggles to invent movies, right before the Lumiere brothers did. But with color and sound.



By Kristen Page-Kirby

Director Tomek Baginski's main point is that movies aren't just about film—they're about living, even if it's living a life you missed the first time around.

Movies are intrinsically tied to memory. From home movies of yourself as a toddler to the latest blockbuster—every event depicted is, by definition, the past. Consequently, every film we see brings the past into the present, and that's why we love them. Well, that's why I love them. John Wayne still swaggers, Paul Newman still smolders, my little sister is still a baby.

Short films, come Oscar time, are so often just bracket busters for the living-room pool. And it's a shame, because the craftsmanship required to tell a story with depth in a short period of time deserves at least as much attention as "Avatar." "The Kinematograph" is as moving a motion picture as anything else I've seen this year.



Pierce Brosnan stars as the former prime minister of England who has hired a ghostwriter under suspicious circumstances.

Sleek Suspense

Roman Polanski shows mastery of the subtle thriller with 'The Ghost Writer'

Film Review

"I'm your ghost," announces Ewan McGregor's character in "The Ghost Writer," in which he plays a steadfastly anonymous young author assigned to pen the mem-

oirs of a retired British prime minister. Indeed, there are hauntings aplenty in this sleek, masterful thriller that recalls such classics as "All the President's Men" and the more recent "Michael Clayton" in its pared-down, paranoid style. Like an expert driver behind the wheel of a purringly expensive automobile, director Roman Polanski invites viewers to settle back and simply enjoy a ride whose sinuous curves he navi-

gates with supreme assurance and skill — banishing, at least for the moment, thoughts of the skeletons that haunt his own life.

The Ghost, as McGregor's protagonist is called, has taken on the memoir project after the first author mysteriously met his death. The day the Ghost seals the deal, he's whisked to an island off Massachusetts, where former prime minister Adam Lang (Pierce Brosnan) lives in an elegantly appointed con-



Dedication | Brains Behind Bars

Considering its director—Roman Polanski, left—was in jail during post-production, it's a small miracle that "The Ghost Writer" made it to the screen. The movie's stars told CNN.com that Polanski actually edited the film from his jail cell to avoid passing the project along to another director. "He would be in his 9-foot-by-4-foot cell, edit the movie and give it to the warden. The warden would give it to his lawyer [who would] then give it to the editor," Pierce Brosnan said. "I think he had no other option," added Ewan McGregor of Polanski's efforts. (EXPRESS)

'The Ghost Writer'

- **Director:** Roman Polanski
- **Stars:** Pierce Brosnan, Ewan McGregor, Olivia Williams and Kim Cattrall
- **In a Nutshell:** A young man becomes the ghostwriter for a former British prime minister.
- **For Fans of:** "Michael Clayton," "The Thomas Crown Affair"

crete bunker with his wife (played with biting asperity by Olivia Williams) and a staff of comely assistants, led with velvet-gloved authority by Lang's personal aide, Amelia (Kim Cattrall). As the Ghost sets to work on the project, he realizes that Lang's distant reticence, a tight deadline and curiously tight security around the project will be the least of his problems.

It's difficult to overstate how good "The Ghost Writer" is, if only because the things it does well are so simple: Working with co-writer Robert Harris, here adapting his own novel, Polanski smoothly threads viewers through a story that on paper might seem ludicrously contrived but that with his exacting execution comes alive with flawless detail, convincing performances and an uncanny prescience.

(Lang is clearly based on Tony Blair, but the film also evokes the spirits of Bill and Hillary Clinton, Dick Cheney and such private enterprises as Halliburton and the Carlyle Group.)

From the chic austerity of the Langs' undisclosed location to the gradually revealed nexus between academia, politics and corporate influence, "The Ghost Writer" offers an unusually astute glimpse of power at its most alluring and corrosive. Unlike "Shutter Island," another stop on this season's archipelago of island-based thrillers, "The Ghost Writer" leaves viewers with all the right questions.

ANN HORNADAY (THE WASHINGTON POST)

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The "man" in Lawrence Talbot (Benicio del Toro) seduces a lady in "The Wolfman."

Now Playing

ALVIN AND THE CHIPMUNKS: THE SQUEAKQUEL (PG, 88 minutes)

For its young (or merely immature) target audience — your average fourth-grader — this sequel to the 2007 feature about an animated trio of squeaky-voiced singing rodents is a far sight better than the original. "Fantastic Mr. Fox" it's not. But as talking animal movies go, this "squeakquel" squeaks by. (MO)

AVATAR (PG-13, 161 minutes) As James Cameron proved in 1997's "Titanic," he has a penchant for melding spectacle and old-fashioned storytelling. Here, the narrative fulcrum is a classic boy-meets-girl, boy-loses-girl romance. Is the dialogue corny? You bet. Does the movie go kerblooey in its final moments, during a ferocious, explosive firefight that will leave your eyeballs bleeding? Uh-huh. But Cameron has delivered what he promised with "Avatar": an ambitious, fully immersive cinematic experience. (AH)

THE BLIND SIDE (PG-13, 126 minutes)

Based on the true story of Michael Oher and Leigh Anne Tuohy, "The Blind Side" has a straightforward lack of cheap sentiment that saves it from being either too maudlin or saccharine-sweet. Especially in the film's soaring, triumphant final moments, viewers get the sense that this isn't a story about race or redemption or the complexities of class and culture. It's a story about family. (AH)

THE BOOK OF ELI (R, 118 minutes)

Denzel Washington beautifully inhabits the film's titular hero, a laconic, solitary gunslinger who's also custodian of a mysterious tome, carried in his backpack as he travels through a burned-out landscape populated by cannibalistic "hijackers." Gary Oldman makes a great villain, tearing into the part of Carnegie, the corrupt, small-town boss who also wants Eli's book for his personal library. (MO)

CRAZY HEART (R, 111 minutes) You don't have to be a fan of Waylon Jennings, Kris Kristofferson, Merle Haggard, Townes Van Zandt, Doug Sahm and sundry other Texans and twangiers to love this film. But it sure can't hurt. All those musicians are invoked by Jeff Bridges in this lovely, bittersweet romantic drama, in which he virtually channels country music's most storied outlaws, rule-benders and heartbreakers. Bridges plays Bad Blake, a grizzled singer-songwriter now performing on the Southwestern bowling alley circuit. (AH)

DEAR JOHN (PG-13, 108 minutes) It's not as if there's anything wrong with the stars of this story of young love and heartbreak centering on the long-distance romance and postal correspondence between a young soldier stationed in the Middle East and the collegiate dream girl he's known for all of two weeks. As John and Savannah, Channing Tatum and Amanda Seyfried, respectively, make their whirlwind courtship about as believable as any spring fling could be. Then Nicholas Sparks went and ruined things. No, I'm not upset by what eventually happens. Rather, it's the excuse he came up with for Savannah's actions. I don't know how else to say this, but it feels like, well, a lie. (MO)

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1 Here She Is

The Miss America pageant is boring and stupid — Read: Miss D.C. never wins — but we have a way for you to get your dose of pageants anyway. Phase 1, D.C.'s most prominent lesbian bar, is holding a Miss Phase 1 to commemorate its 40th anniversary. The winner receives cash and prizes, and she has to go through evening gown, swimsuit, talent and interview competitions. **F.Z. Phase 1, 525 8th St. SE; Fri., 9 p.m., \$5 cover; 202-544-6831, Phase1dc.com. (Eastern Market)**

2 Cultural Awakening

We're guessing you didn't get to see any of this year's five Oscar-nominated foreign films, including "El Secreto de Tus Ojos." Fill the hole in your knowledge this weekend with screenings at National Geographic that'll bring you up to date on all five movies. There will be a little reception (with beer!) before each screening, as an extra incentive. **F.Z. National Geographic, 1600 M St. NW; Fri.-Sun., \$8 each, \$35 for all five screenings; 202-857-7700, Events.nationalgeographic.com. (Dupont Circle)**

3 Be a Clown

Clowns don't have to be Stephen King horror villains. Commedia dell'arte, the long and storied Italian tradition of clowning, reads more like Harpo Marx. Matt Wilson stars in his self-conceived work "The Great One-Man Commedia Epic," in which he plays 12 characters. If you don't know commedia (and you should), this is an amazing introduction to it. **F.Z. Sidney Harman Hall, 610 F St. NW; through March 1, \$10-\$20; Factionoffools.org. (Gallery Place)**

local movie times

Washington DC

Landmark Theatres

Landmark's E-Street Cinema www.landmarktheatres.com

THE ROOM (R) 12:00: Midnight
CRAZY HEART (R) 1:20, 4:10:7:00, 9:35
THE MOST DANGEROUS MAN IN AMERICA: DANIEL ELLSBERG (NR) 1:45, 4:30:7:30, 9:50
THE OSCAR NOMINATED SHORT FILMS 2010: ANIMATED (NR) 1:00, 5:30:10:00, 12:00
THE OSCAR NOMINATED SHORT FILMS 2010: LIVE ACTION (NR) 3:15:7:45
THE GHOST WRITER (PG-13) 12:45, 3:45:6:45, 9:30, 12:00
A SINGLE MAN (R) 9:45
THE LAST STATION (R) 1:30, 4:15:7:15
NORTH FACE (NR) 1:05, 4:05:7:05, 9:40, 12:00
TERRIBLY HAPPY (NR) 2:20, 4:50:7:20, 9:50, 12:00
AN EDUCATION (PG-13) (12:50)
THE HURT LOCKER (R) 3:25:9:15
THE WHITE RIBBON (R) 6:20

The Avalon Theatre

The Avalon Theatre www.theavalon.org

NORTH FACE (NR) 1:30, 4:30, 7:30
AJAMI (NR) 2:00, 5:00, 8:00

AMC Theaters

AMC Loews Uptown www.amctheatres.com

SHUTTER ISLAND (R) 1:00, 4:10, 7:20, 10:30

AMC Theaters

AMC Mazza Gallerie www.amctheatres.com

THE CRAZIES (R) 12:45, 3:15, 5:45, 8:15, 10:40
COP OUT (R) 2:00, 4:45, 7:30, 10:15
THE WOLFMAN (R) 12:30, 2:45, 5:30, 8:00, 10:25
PERCY JACKSON & THE OLYMPIANS: THE LIGHTNING THIEF (PG) 1:45, 4:30, 7:15, 10:10
VALENTINE'S DAY (PG-13) :00, 4:00, 7:00, 10:00
IT'S COMPLICATED (R) 2:15, 5:00, 7:45, 10:30
AVATAR 3D (PG-13) 3:00, 6:45, 10:20
IN DIGITAL 3-D

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THE CRAZIES (R) 12:10, 2:40, 5:10, 7:45, 10:20
COP OUT (R) 2:00, 4:45, 7:30, 10:15
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UP IN THE AIR (R) 11:35, 2:15, 4:55, 7:30, 10:00
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AN EDUCATION (PG-13) 9:55, 12:20, 2:55, 5:30, 8:05, 10:40

Regal Cinemas

Regal Galaxy Place Stadium www.regmovies.com

GREEN ZONE (R)
ALICE IN WONDERLAND (PG)
COP OUT (R) 11:40, 12:40, 2:20:30, 5:00, 6:20, 7:40, 9:20, 10:10, 12:10, 12:40
THE CRAZIES (R) 11:30, 2:00:45, 7:20, 9:50, 12:20
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DEAR JOHN (PG-13) 2:10:4:50, 7:30, 10:05, 12:35
THE BOOK OF ELI (R) 1:30
AVATAR 3D (PG-13) 11:30, 12:30, 3:00, 4:45:6:30, 8:20, 10:00, 11:55
UP IN THE AIR (R) 4:10, 6:50, 9:25, 12:00
THE WOLFMAN (R) 12:00

Virginia

Old Town Theatre

Alexandria

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Arlington Cinema 'N' Drafthouse

Arlington

www.arlingtonnraffhouse.com

INVICTUS (PG-13) 7:00 P.M.

Regal Potomac Yards

Alexandria

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ALICE IN WONDERLAND (PG)

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EDGE OF DARKNESS (R) 12:10, 3:30, 6:40, 10:15

TOOTH FAIRY (PG) 10:45, 1:40

LEGION (R) 10:45 P.M.

THE BOOK OF ELI (R) 10:15, 1:45, 4:45, 8:00, 11:05

SHERLOCK HOLMES (PG-13) 10:35, 2:00, 5:30, 8:45, 11:50

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UP IN THE AIR (R) 10:55, 2:05, 5:15, 8:35, 11:40

AVATAR: AN IMAX 3D EXPERIENCE (PG-13) 11:20, 3:20, 7:20, 11:15

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CRAZY HEART (R) 11:05, 2:15, 5:25, 8:25, 11:25

MARYLAND

AMC Theatres Hoffman Center

Alexandria

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Regal Bethesda

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GREEN ZONE (R)

ALICE IN WONDERLAND (PG)

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TEZA (NR) 11:30, 2:30:8:30

P and G Montgomery Mall Cinema

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Bethesda

PERCY JACKSON & THE OLYMPIANS: THE LIGHTNING THIEF (PG) 2:50, 5:20, 7:40

VALENTINE'S DAY (PG-13) 2:00, 4:30, 7:00

TV weekend lookout

Best Bets

FRI
8:00

The 41st NAACP Image Awards (FOX) The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People recognizes artistic achievements, and people and projects that promote diversity in the arts. This year's hosts are actress Anika Noni Rose, left, and author Hill Harper.

FRI
9:30

The Life & Times of Tim (HBO) Tim's search for a place to stay leads him to a priest who is preparing to give his first sermon since he was suspended for having a girlfriend.

SUN
9:00

Masterpiece Classic (PBS)

Filled with humor and romance, this adaptation of John Buchan's World War I novel "The 39 Steps" follows the fortunes of Richard Hannay (Rupert Penry-Jones, right), an engineer who gets caught up in a conspiracy.

SUN
10:00

Brothers & Sisters (ABC) Sarah struggles with her feelings for Luc (guest star Gilles Marini), who has serious visa issues. Kevin has a hard time "breaking up" with Robert. Meanwhile, Holly thinks there might be a hidden value in Ojai Foods. (TRIBUNE MEDIA)



THE MARRIAGE REF

Let the Games Begin

SUN
10:30

(NBC) Jerry Seinfeld is an executive producer for this new reality series in which couples from across the country submit their disagreements for arbitration to the Ref (comic Tom Papa), who declares a winner after consulting with a rotating panel of celebrity "experts." In this sneak preview before the show moves to its regular Thursday time slot, the panelists are Seinfeld himself, Alec Baldwin and Kelly Ripa. (TRIBUNE MEDIA)

Cult Fave



Big Drama

On "Big Love" (9 p.m., HBO, Sun.), Sarah startles the family with an announcement, and Nicki goes all out to be the woman Bill wants her to be. Meanwhile, Bill questions Margene's reasons for getting married. Barb shocks Nicki with news about Joey. Bill looks for clues about J.J. in Kansas. Bill Paxton, above, stars in the new episode "Next Ticket Out." (TRIBUNE MEDIA)

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Thursday's Results

DO YOU THINK THIS WEEK'S NTSB HEARINGS WILL LEAD TO IMPROVEMENTS FOR METRO?

78% **22%**

— NO — YES —

"No one's job is on the line at Metro. As long as that's the case, we will only get lip service from Metro leadership."

COMMENTER BRAD2

"If my commute is any indication, Metro has a LONG way to go toward improving service."

COMMENTER DIOGENES

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Blog Log



"If the point of this signing is to get a [veteran] to balance out the rotation and provide production, that should have been done months ago when there were guys out there. Otherwise, they should be looking toward youth."

— NATIONALSREVIEW.WORDPRESS.COM CAN'T FIGURE OUT WHY THE NATIONALS SIGNED 35-YEAR-OLD LIVAN HERNANDEZ FOR HIS THIRD STINT ON THE TEAM.



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puzzles lookout

Horoscope

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) You may realize, with some displeasure, that something from your past is repeating itself at this time. Your involvement is limited, however.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Issues of safety and security will surely arise, but you'll be prepared to address them one by one in an effective manner.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Someone you know well claims to be on your side, but you may feel as though he or she is really working with or for someone else.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Don't make the mistake of behaving in public as if you were entirely by yourself. Certainly, things are not for sharing.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) A chance encounter is likely to develop into something of a struggle that, by day's end, yields a major moral victory for one of you.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Now is no time to get worked up. Do everything you can to remain calm and see things in a logical, straightforward, simple fashion.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) There are those who would remove you from a position of authority at this time, were you to let them. It's time to be firmer and more aggressive.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) You don't have to do much to prove that you are thoroughly professional at this time. Those in charge will recognize your worth, surely.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) Someone who made it possible for you to do what you are doing these days will claim some credit for your success. Grant it.

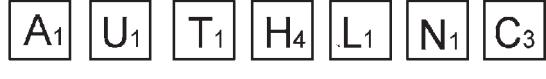
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) Prospects are looking up. Relationships are improving on all fronts. Confidence is on the rise. A productive phase is beginning for you.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) You will want to make sense of things in a way that allows you to see the big picture before the day is out.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) You may not approach a current problem the way others would, but you're likely to win tangible results sooner than anyone else.

Scrabble Grams

PAR SCORE 140-150, BEST SCORE 226



Triple Word Score



1st Letter Double



Yesterday's Solution

F ₄	O	R ₁	G ₂	I ₁	V ₄	E ₁
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RACK 1 = 92
RACK 2 = 9
RACK 3 = 65
RACK 4 = 57
TOTAL = 223
PAR SCORE 140-150

FOUR RACK TOTAL

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Sudoku

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			1	6
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	9	1	8	2
	4		5	
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8	6			

Yesterday's Solution

4	1	3	6	7	5	8	9	2
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7	8	4	2	6	1	9	3	5
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1	6	7	9	3	2	5	8	4
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3	2	8	7	5	4	6	1	9

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Forecast



40 | 29

Today: Mostly cloudy and windy today and tonight.



43 | 30

Tomorrow: Clouds and sun tomorrow. Considerable clouds tomorrow night.

Looking Ahead



SUN



MON



TUE

45 | 32 | 47 | 32 | 44 | 31

Sun and Moon

Sunrise today: 6:45 a.m.
Sunset today: 5:57 p.m.
Record high: 84
Moonrise today: 3:50 p.m.
Normal low: 32
Moonset today: 5:13 a.m.
Record low: -1

Almanac
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lookout puzzles

Crossword

AND THERE'S MORE

ACROSS

1 Type of salt used medicinally
 6 Prayer addressee
 10 Gloom producer
 14 Classical column style
 15 Ancient Assyrian city (var.)
 16 Succulent emollient
 17 Type of joke
 20 "How's that again?" syllables
 21 Zoe's red friend on "Sesame Street"
 22 Terminates
 23 Carpet component
 24 It's less lovely than a tree, to Kilmer
 25 The supreme aim
 31 Oscar-winning actress Kedrova
 32 Where the pupil sits?
 33 Proceed after grace
 35 Thor's father
 36 Honda, even in reverse?
 38 "Don't look ___"

DOWN

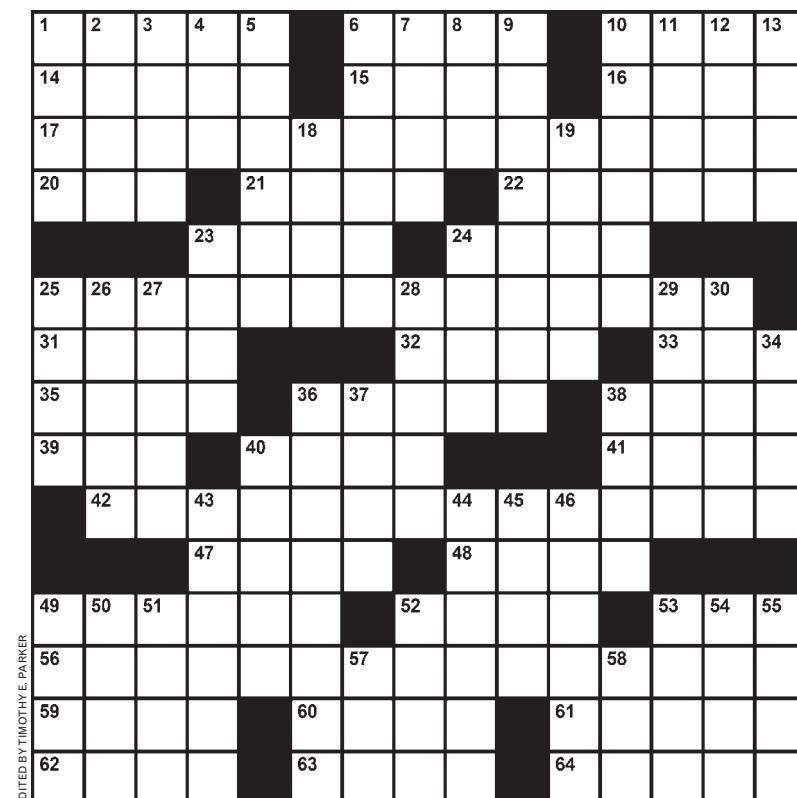
1 Beat, but barely
 2 Christopher Robin's pal
 3 like that!"
 39 Part of a baseball glove
 40 When tripled, a war movie
 41 Small river dam
 42 Irwin Shaw novel
 47 Delineate
 48 Like thick cords
 49 Three-in-one
 52 Unit of loudness
 53 TV's Norton and Grimley
 56 Principle of conservation
 59 Applying to ears
 60 Black & Decker item
 61 "A Fistful of Dollars" director Sergio
 62 Beauty queen's wear
 63 "___ I was saying ..."
 64 Survey answers, sometimes

3 Signs of hits?

4 Human tail?
 5 "Raisin in the Sun" actress Claudia
 41 Small river dam
 42 Irwin Shaw novel
 47 Delineate
 48 Like thick cords
 49 Three-in-one
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 59 Applying to ears
 60 Black & Decker item
 61 "A Fistful of Dollars" director Sergio
 62 Beauty queen's wear
 63 "___ I was saying ..."
 64 Survey answers, sometimes

34 Flier around a lighthouse
 36 Remarks
 37 One place
 6 Stagecoach
 7 buco (Italian dish)
 8 Cause friction
 9 Unusually cruel
 10 Hat or canal
 11 Alternatives to lagers
 12 "The Outsiders" actor Rob
 13 Result of downsizing
 18 Suffix with "salmon"
 19 Accomplishments
 23 Think ahead
 24 "Scope" prefix
 25 Stupidly lose, as a game
 26 Large sea duck
 27 Suspect's story
 28 Armless couch
 29 Wings hit "___ In"
 30 Female vampire

Yesterday's Solution



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Samurai Sudoku

DIFFICULT

Fill in each column, row and 3x3 box with the digits 1 through 9 without repeating any. The twist in Samurai Sudoku is that the digits that appear in the overlapping boxes must work for both puzzles. A piece of advice to get you started: Don't focus on completing one grid at a time. Keep the whole puzzle in mind as you go, because filling in a number in one grid could give you clues to another.

6	2	7				3		
5		3	6					
3			2	9				
	6							
	5		8	1	6	3		
	1	6	5	4				
4	8	6						
		7						
	4				6	8		

		3			8	2	9	
			2	9				1
			1	5				7
4					9			
	5	6	8	3	2	7		
	6	7	8	9	5	4		
	7	8	9	6	3	1		
	8	9	7	5	2	6		
	9	10	11	12	13	14		

	1	2	3	9				
6								
	4	5	6	7				
					2	1	3	
					9			
						7		
							1	
							4	8

Last Week's Solution

6	7	1	2	8	9	3	4	5
3	4	8	1	5	6	7	9	2
2	5	9	3	4	7	8	1	6
7	6	5	9	1	8	4	2	3
8	9	2	4	7	3	6	5	1
1	3	4	5	6	2	9	3	7
5	8	6	7	9	1	2	3	4
4	2	3	5	6	3	8	9	7
4	2	7	6	3	5	9	8	1
1	2	4	7	8	9	3	5	6
6	8	9	1	3	5	7	4	2
3	5	7	2	4	6	8	9	1
5	1	3	4	6	2	9	8	7
8	4	2	5	9	7	6	1	3
7	9	6	3	1	8	4	2	5
2	3	8	6	5	4	1	7	9
4	6	5	9	7	1	2	3	8
9	7	1	8	2	3	5	6	4

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	5			9	5			
	6					7		
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8	9	4	6			6	5	3
4	2	1	5	9		5	1	8
7		8		2		9	2	
1		7		8		3	7	
4	8	2				5	6	4
6	2	8		1		9	5	2

		6	5	3		9		
		5	1	8	9	2		
3		7			4			
		5	6			4		
		6	7			5	6	4
		4				9	5	2
		4				4	5	6
		1				5	6	3

Today in History

1870 New York City's first pneumatic-powered subway line opens to the public.

1951 The 22nd Amendment limiting a president to two terms in office, is ratified.

1993 A bomb at the World Trade Center in New York City kills six people and injures hundreds of others.

1995 China and the United States sign an agreement mandating Chinese respect for copyrights, trademarks and patents.

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ABSENCE

Levi Too Busy Milking His 15 Minutes to Attend

A judge on Thursday set a date for the child support trial of Bristol Palin and Levi Johnston but urged the two to work out a resolution before then. They were urged to work with a judge who specializes in such matters in a settlement conference and not go to trial. Palin attended the 20-minute hearing, but her former fiance did not appear. (AP)

NO ONE ASKED

Currents of Defensiveness Drift Up From Australia

Though video postings of her recent performances in Australia have been less than flattering, Whitney Houston says her tour is going great. Houston's publicist, Kristen Foster, released a statement Thursday, saying: "Whitney is in great health and having a terrific time. Her fans were dancing and singing along and Whitney appreciates their support." (AP)

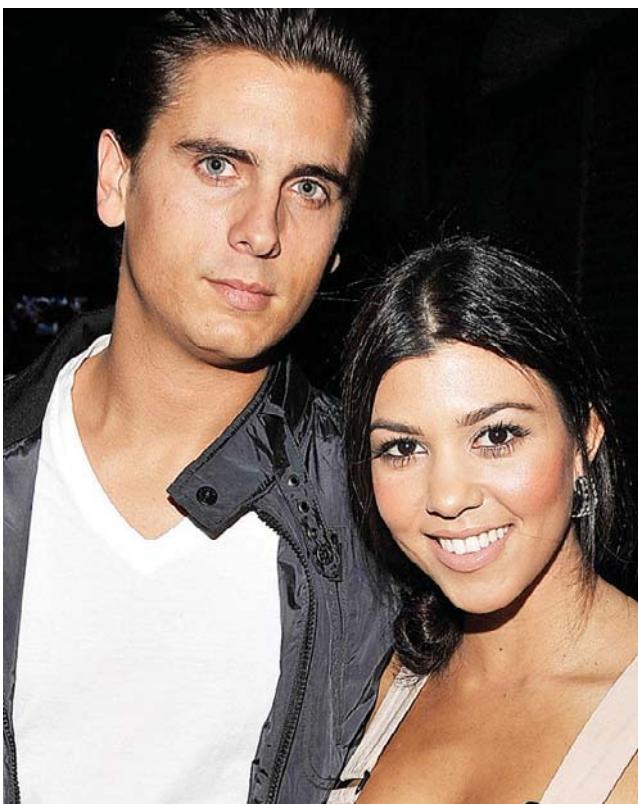


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Whitney Houston is just FINE, she'll have you know. In fact, she's GREAT.

Dirtbag Digest**No Hiatus For Jon Gosselin**

Radaronline.com is reporting that Jon Gosselin owes his ex-girlfriend Hailey Glassman \$200,000. In a recent interview with MyFoxNewYork.com, Glassman discussed the debt and said that Gosselin put a GPS tracking device on her cell phone and wouldn't let her go out at times. She described the father of eight as controlling and, apparently, a mooch. Glassman rounded out the interview by suggesting Gosselin pay her back "civilly" so she doesn't have to sue him. (EXPRESS)



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Disick will probably shirk diaper duty and be back in *Dirtbag Digest* soon.

PROGRESS

Dirtbag Digest Hiatus

According to Kim Kardashian via Us Weekly, her sister Kourtney Kardashian's deadbeat boyfriend Scott Disick has turned over a new leaf. "He's always at home helping Kourtney," Kim Kardashian says. "It has for sure brought them closer." Disick became infamous for his drinking and irresponsible streak, and Khloe Kardashian gave him a really unfortunate (and unprintable) nickname. But for now, Kourtney Kardashian says "everything is amazing!" (EXPRESS)



REUNION

Band Accepts He's the Only One People Know

After turmoil that included public squabbling and a rehab stint, Aerosmith is back and ready to rock. The band announced a European summer tour — with Steven Tyler. The announcement was made via a video post on the band's Web site Wednesday. In it, Tyler joked: "I just auditioned and I got the gig." (AP)

"Someday, when we're not together, you won't be able to order a cup of coffee at the [expletive] deli without hearing or seeing me."



— LADY GAGA. IN A RECENT INTERVIEW WITH COSMO, THE POP STAR SHARED THE RESPONSE SHE GAVE TO AN EX WHO TOLD HER SHE'D NEVER MAKE IT TO THE BIG TIME.



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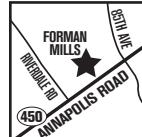
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